WILLIAM NICHOLSON AND RUDYARD KIPLING AT PLAY.

AN ALMANAC OF TWELVE SPORTS. By William Nicholson. Words by Rudyard Kipling. Quarto. R. H. Russell.

We call this a book for sportsmen, but the truth is that readers of all sorts will be interested in its picturesque drawings and clever jingles. The two collaborators have been well suited, one to the other. Mr. Kipling's virile style, declared even in such trifling rhymes as he has made for this book, is exactly the style to harmonize with Mr. Nicholson's. The latter is a draughtsman of original parts Those portraits of the Queen, Mr. Whistler, Mme Bernhardt and other celebrities which first brought him into notice are distinguished by many good qualities, besides being entirely novel, and Alphabet," the book which appeared only a short time ago in a form similar to that of the present work, deepened the impression left by those earlier drawings. In this "Almanac" there are designs more elaborate than those of "An Alphabet," and it cannot be said that they all mark an improvement, The three racehorses of "March," the coach and four of "August" and the skaters of "December" are advoitly placed on their respective pages, and there is not a picture in the book, in fact, which is not individualized and effective. But Mr. Nicholnot individualized and effective. But ar. Alcohol-son's best work is done with the single figure. With that he is at home, and the resultant design is of peculiar forcefulness and charm. He may introduce another figure, or even more than one, un-obtrusively in the background; but the gunner in the design for "September," the archer in the drawing for "July" and the fisherwoman who typifies the month of "May" are all admirable, just as single settes against the bald landscapes and flat skies. Mr. Nicholson has the good judgment in these filustrations to deny himself any great choice of color. He sticks to the tawny browns, the dead blacks and primitive reds, yellows and blues which are calculated to express his meaning with the utmost simplicity. In consequence he gains breadth and repose, his quaint pictures taking on a certain attract-

Mr. Kipling's verses are light, spirited produc-tions, which do not express his highest powers, of course, but are characteristic nevertheless, and fall into a very natural companionship with Mr. Nicholson's designs. Here is the poem for "December," facing the drawing of the skaters:

"Over the ice she flies,
Perfect and poised and fair—
Stars in my true-love's eyes,
Teach me to do and to dare!

Now will I fly as she flies— Woe for the stars that misled! Stars that I saw in her eyes, Now do I see in my head!"

It will be perceived that Mr. Kipling does not take his themes too seriously. On the contrary, nearly every one of the rhymes is marked by a turn of sattre or quizzing humor. The stanza for "September," dedicated to shooting, Illustrates the former vein. It runs thus:

"Peace upon earth, goodwill to men!
So greet we Christmas Day.
Oh, Christian, load your gun, and then,
Oh, Christian, out and slay!"

The somewhat cynical accent of this is repeated in the rhyme on ceaching, written for the picture of "August." The lines follow:

The Pious Horse to church may trot A maid may work a man's salvation. Four horses and a girl are not, However, aids to reformation."

Here our citations must end, though it is tempting to pass from one quatrain to the other until the last is reached. It is conceivable that Mr. Kipling wrote them in moments of fun and good nature. They wear an air of cheerful heedlessness, as though the execution of them had been a lark. But Mr. Kipling's touch is unmistakable, even in fragments like these, and the book has a literary value to which almanacs, as a rule, cannot pretend. It remains to be noted that it is printed with that artistic finish which has made the picture-books published by Mr. Russell conspicuous and permanently delightful among the books of

## LITERARY NOTES.

"The London Academy's" Academy of Letters is already beginning to pall upon the expectant public before even it has got itself really organized. The ambitious periodical prints more letters this week, but they are bores. Not so the letters that appear in "Punch." They are printed under the title of "Among the Roaring Forties; or, The New Me-nagerie of Letters," and they are attributed to noted "outsiders." The high priest of Hill-Toppery may be permitted to speak first:

The Summit, Hindhead. Dear Mr. Punch-"The mountain sheep are sweeter," But the valley sheep are tatted.
You follow me? Yours till Pisgah,
GR-NT ALL-N.

At the Sign of the Aerial Triplets.

Sir: Man-is a bestial, if necessary, blot upon creation. Could I and similar matrons have our way, he should be soundly smacked. Sexual jealousy, I take it, has kept my name from this arbitrary list. Yet I have just written the Beth Book in the World! It is not for me to say who has written the necth beth. Yours, indignantly, S-H GR-ND.

P. S-I exempt you, Mr. Punch, from the spanking assertion with which my letter opens.

Care of Clio, Parnassus.

Dear Mr. Punch—I am glad to observe my name among The Forty. I do not, however, altogether subscribe to the other thirty-nine articles. Yours sceptically,

W. E. H. L-CKY.

Sir Punch, Mister: Hope differed—as one says—makes the core billous. Here they will not have me at no price, try all I will. But you, you have the nese line for merit. Albeit, in effect, not of Anglo-Saxon provenance, I am traveller. I have made the grand voyage of the Sleeve. See there, then, I speak the English. Oh, yes! Alright. Agree, etc.,

The third supplement of "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature," published in a portly volume by the Houghtons, is justly adorned with a portrait of Dr. William L. Poole, the originator of the work, and, as Mr. Fletcher calls him in a brief introduction, the Nestor of American librarianship Dr. Poole was, in his field, a man of genius. The outside world seldom heard his name. To libra-rians and to special students who had occasion to use his now famous "Index" he was a considerable figure, for whose labors, unassuming as they were, it was impossible to feel anything but warm gratitude. The index with which his name is still identified is a monumental thing in its way. The present volume covers the periodical literature pub lished between January 1, 1892, and December 31 that period is certain to be able to trace it through this compendium. The publishers issue it in substantial form. It is the kind of work to receive hard usage, and it is well to have it strongly made.

It is said that Mr. Kipling has authorized Miss Olga Nethersole to dramatize his story, "The Light that Failed." A writer, signing himself "An Hussar," by the way, has just been unburdening himself on the subject of "Soldiers Three" and the "Barrack Room Ballads." Mr. Kipling has succeeded, he says, in a task that acts of Parliament have failed in-namely, in making the Queen's uniform respected. The story-teller's command of technique, he goes on, is almost perfect. "There is a glaring instance of error in one ballad that the soldier at once detects, but, with this one excention. I have never met the soldier who could find any fault with his local color, nor can I myself. And his command of salloring technicalities is. I have learnt, just as perfect. A marine en-gineer to whom I read 'McAndrew's Hymn' said. after I had concluded, "The man who wrote that has done his graft in the stoke hole and the engineroom. Lord! to think a chap could write poetry

"Success Is for You" and "The Way to Keep Young," two little books by Dorothy Quigley which are published by E. P. Dutton & Co., show an ingenious turn for sermonizing that is quite innocent of duiness or dogma. The author is strongly persuaded of the importance of ethical daily work, but she enforces her lesson gracefully, mingling a plausible literary fancy with The books are presumably intended for readers emerging from youth, but older heads will be pleased and impressed by these stimulating pages.

Professor Mahaffy, writing in "Literature," has some disconcerting observations for the sapient critics of all the literatures under heaven. How many of us, he pertinently asks, can really underand the beauties of any language but our own?

Then follow these healthy remarks: When I see criticisms on French and German masterpieces written by men who are unable either to speak or write these languages, it reminds me of the foreign criticisms on Burns by people who can read English, but who only know the dialect of Burns, as I do, through a glossary.

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And what knowledge of a dialect can we gain through a glossary, or even through a dictionary? How can we learn the clusters of associations, the delicate shades of feeling which cling about words familiar to the poet from childhood, and which determine both the beauty and propriety of their use? So then, to the great body of English-speaking people, Burns, as a great poet, is inaccessible. How much more to foreigners? And for the same reason Goethe's "Faust," or the lyrics of Victor Hugo, are by us only very imperfectly understood. Of course the same may be said of our appreciation of Sophoeles and Virgil, who would laughtheir sides sore at our Rabu verses in their language. But then in dead languages no better knowledge is now to be hed. In the living we should perhaps be content with native judgments, I have even heard it said by a great linguist that no man really knows more than one language—and most men not even that. But what a blow to all our critical literature and our fancied appreciation of the great masterpieces of many languages! These considerations are so humiliating that I feel disposed to apologize for bringing them forward.

The Scribners send us further volumes in more than one series of classical reprints. The Centenary Edition of Carlyle yields the first two of the eight volumes in which the "History of Friedrich II of Prussia" is to be completed. To the beauty of this edition in all that means clear typography and comely manufacture we have already referred. Mr. Traill's editorial ministrations call for further They involve his saying some interesting things in a pleasant fashion in his introduction, and his concluding paragraph is worth quoting.

He savs: And thus it was that he found himself at last, spade in hand, before that Titanic midden, that "Pellon laid on Ossa of Prussian Dryasdust," which in the result it took him fourteen mortal years to dig through. Merely to have played the "Golden Dustman" to this huge pile of biographical refuse; merely to have "screened" and sifted it with such resolute and untiring labor; to have extricated. stored, arranged, labelled and catalogued its buried treasures, and to have carted away the mass of superincumbent rubbish, to be "shot" once for all in its proper limbo of oblivion—this alone would have Regret been a great and valuable work.

only awakens when we turn away from what we have gained—no doubt a quito indefensible proceeding—to consider what we have lost; to reflect on the matchless excellence and perfect adequacy of so many of Carlyle's shorter pieces, and mentally to enumerate all those memorable events in the world's history which have waited in vain to hear their story told as he sione could tell it, all those its epic figures who might be living for us now with the full and vivid life of a Mirabeau or a Cromwell had not he who of all men was best fitted to play their "vates sacer" been "otherwise engaged.

The second volume in the series in which the Scribners are reprinting "The Spectator" does not demand detailed comment. We have already pointed out that this is the most exquisite and adequate edition that could be desired.

POLICEMAN WOODLEY PAROLED.

HIS STORY OF THE FATAL CLUBBING OF JAMES KENNEDY-THE OFFICER'S RECORD.

Policeman Henry M. Woodley, of the West Thirty-seventh-st. station, who fatally clubbed James Kennedy on Sunday, appeared before Magistrate Kudlich, in the West Side Police Court, yesterday on a charge of homicide preferred by Cap-tain Brown. Woodley has made a counter-charge of felonious assault against John Riley, who was with Kennedy when the clubbing occurred. Riley appeared with his head bandaged.

Policeman Woodley testified that he saw Riley. Kennedy and two other men at Thirtieth-st, and Tenth-ave. They were much intoxicated, and shouting and annoying pedestrians. He lold them to go home, and they abused him. He followed them for a time, but lost sight of them for a few minutes, and met them again at Eleventh-ave, and Twenty-eighth-st. They were then acting in a very disorderly manner. He threatened to arrest them, and then one of them said, "Let's do up the cop." Soon afterward Riley struck him. He retailated by knocking the man down. The three others came by knocking the man down. The three down to Riley's assistance and struck and beat him. A number of people gathered and tried to assault him. He whistled for help, and drew his ciub. He struck Kennedy on the shoulder and felied him to the ground. He then tried to arrest Riley, but Kennedy and the others prevented him, and he struck Kennedy again. Policemen Powers and

the ground. He then fried to arrest Range Kennedy and the others prevented him, and he struck Kennedy again. Policemen Powers and Quigley then arrived. Biley was unconscious, and was taken to the station, and Kennedy to the hospital in an ambulance.

Riley declared that he and Kennedy had been to a wake. He remonstrated with Woodley for hitting Kennedy, when the policeman hit him also, and he remembered nothing more.

Woodley was paroied in the custody of Captain Brown until this morning, in order that he might obtain witnesses in his charge against Riley. He joined the force in December, 1898. Since then he has had nineteen charges preferred against him. Seven of these have been dismissed, four are still pending, while for the others he was fined in all thirty-two and one-half days' pay.

A number of the charges have been complaints by citizens. One of the most serious was the using of threatening language to a woman. The complaint was dismissed. Woodley was also accused of threatening o assault a prisoner. For this he was fined ten days' pay. A charge of using indiscreet language to a citizen and a charge of failing to take a prisoner to the station-house were dismissed.

SERVED SUMMONS ON THOMAS C. PLATT.

SUTT FOR THE VALUE OF MISSING GOODS BROUGHT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY.

Before Judge Smith, in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, yesterday, John M. Schult, a merchant, asked for a judgment of \$1,000 against the United States Express Company. His attorney, William Beggs, explained that Mr. Schult had lost a box of valuables, estimated at \$1,000, which had bee consigned to the express company. Suit was brought, and the summons was served on Thomas C. Platt as president of the company on July 9. Tracy, Boardman & Platt, attorneys for the company, he said, had filed no answer, but in August a Mr. Kimball, connected with that legal firm, had called upon him, Beggs, and said that he had made a mistake in suing something that had no existence—the United States Express Company being a joint stock company, and not a corporation. Mr. Beggs said it was promised that if he would withdraw the suit the company would trace the box and make feetburgers. consigned to the express company. Suit was tion. Mr. Beggs said it was promised that it would withdraw the suit the company would trace the box and make resituation. Satisfied with this promise, he said he did not prosecute. No steps, however, were taken to restore the goods, and he asked for judgment by default.

The motion was denied, but the suit will be

REFORMS IN GERMANY.

THE NEW BILL RELATING TO MILITARY JUDICIAL PROCEDURE.

Nov. 29.-The "Kolnische Zeitur sketches to-day the new bill for the reform of mill tary judicial procedure, which is to be introduced at the opening of the Reichstag, along with the Government's Naval bill. The chief innovation which it proposes is the institution of a Supreme Court of Military Jurisdiction, to which an appea may be made from courts of first instance in some may be made from courts of first instance in some strictly and narrowly defined cases. The procedure will be public, and the accused will be permitted to employ an ordinary advocate. The prerogative ren-dering the sanction of the Emperor as Commander-in-Chief of the Army imperative for every verdict will be abolished, but he will have the right of mit-igating the severity of sentences.

ARRESTED BEFORE THE FIGHT.

METHODIST MINISTERS IN BUFFALO GET AFTER TWO PUGILISTS.

Buffalo, Nov. 29 .- Frank Erne and "Jack" Downey, who were booked to fight before the Empire Athletic Club to-night, were arrested shortly after Athletic thought, at the instance of the Methodist Ministers' Association, and charged with being about to commit a misdemeannor. Both men appeared before a county judge, gave bail, and immediately drove to the clubhouse, where the fight is now proceeding.

SAYS HE WAS BORN IN 1777. Pittsburg, Nov. 29.-Richard Reddick, colored, who says that he was born on July 5, 1777, near Rich-mond, Va., applied at the Department of Charities for admission to the home to-day, stating that he is too old to work and cannot support himself. He was accompanied by his wife, who is seventy-eight years old, and his daughter, who is also well along in years. The old man was assured that he would be taken care of by the authorities.

CASE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN COM-MERCIAL COMPANY ADVANCED.

ACTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES NOT REVIEWABLE BY UNITED STATES COURTS-FRANKFORT LOTTERY FRANCHISE INVALID-

OTHER DECISIONS. Washington, Nov. 29.-The United States Supreme Court to-day granted the motion of the Solicitor-General for a certiorari in the case of the North General for a certificart an the case of the North American Commercial Company, and also the mo-tion made at the same time to advance the case on the docket, setting the hearing for the first Monday in March. The case involves the contract of the company with the Government for compensation for fur scals killed by it.

Chief Justice Fuller handed down an opinion tomay dealing with the revolution in Venezuela in 1882, when the forces of Crespo were arrayed against those of Palacio. The case was that of George F. Underhill against General José Manuel Hernandez, a follower of Crespo. Underhill, a citizen of the United States, was the owner of waterworks at the town of Bollvar, which soon after the beginning of the revolution was occupied by Her-nandez and his followers. He for a time refused Underhill's application for a passport. After reaching the United States Underhill began an action in the Federal courts to recover damages for the detention, for his alleged confinement to his own house and for assaults said to have been committed house and for assaults said to have been committed by Hernandea's soldiers. The decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was adverse to Undernil's contention, and this decision was affirmed to-day on the ground that the courts of this country are not competent to review the acts of another country. "Every sovereign State is bound," said the Chief Justice, "to respect the independence of every other sovereign State, and the courts of one country will not six in judgment on the acts of another done within its territory. Rederess of grievances by reason of such acts must be obtained through the means open to be availed of by sovereign Powers as between themselves."

Justice Harlan handed down an opinion in the case of J. J. Douglas, plaintiff in error, against the Commonwealth of Kentucky, holding the franchise of the Frankfort lottery to be invalid. The case brought to this court by Douglas on allegations of error in the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, which was adverse to him. In rendering his opinion Justice Harlan quoted the pro-vision of the Kentucky Constitution of 1891 revoking all lottery charters theretofore granted and forbidding the existence of lotteries in the State. He considered at some length the contention of Douglas that the revocation of his charter worked the revocation of a contract, in violation of the Con-stitution of the United States prohibiting any State from passing a law impairing contracts. "If," he said, "this interpretation of the Federal Constitufrom passing a law impairing contastivisted, "this interpretation of the Federal Constitution be correct, it will follow that the provision in the Constitution or statutes of Kentucky forbidding lotterles and gift enterprises in that Commonwealth and revoking all lottery privileges or charters thereto granted are noull and void as to the decendant. This necessarily results from the declaration that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State notwithstanding." He continued first that "the common forms of pambling were comparatively innocuous when placed in contrast with the whitespread pestilence of iotteries." To this he added: "Is a State forbidden by the supreme law of the land from protecting its people at all times from practices attended by such ruinous results? Can the Legislature of a State contract away its power to establish such regulations as are reasonably necessary from time to time to protect the public morals against the acknowledged evil was held that "a lottery grant." as are reasonated protect the public morals agreed evils of lotteries."

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In conclusion it was held that "a fottery grant is not in any sense a contract within the meaning of the Constitution, but is simply a gratuity and license which the State, under its police powers and for the protection of the public morals, may and for the protection of the public morals, may that any time revoke and forbid the further conduct of the lottery, and that no right acquired during the life of the grant, on the faith or by agreement with the grantee, can be exercised after the revocation of the grant and the prohibition of the lottery if its exercise involves a continuance of such lottery."

of Vermont was decided, the opinion being an-nounced by Justice Shiras. The case involved the constitutionality of the statutes of Vermont providing for the punishment of offences against the State in the sale of intoxicating liquors. In this State in the sale of intoxicating liquors. In this case Hodgson was found guilty of such offence on an information. He appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States from the rulings of the State courts on the ground that his conviction was without due process of law. Justice Shiras, in deciding against this contention, said that the NIVth Amendment was not designed to interfere with the rights of States to protect the lives, liberty and property of their citizens.

The Court affirmed the decision of the Georgia Supreme Court in the case of Mrs. Nobie, Supreme Court in the case victed of the murder of her husband. She alleged that due process of law had been denied to her. The result of the decision is that the sentence imposed by the Court can now be executed. Justice posed by the Court can now be executed. Justice White handed down the opinion. He reviewed briefly the points in the case, showing that Mrs. Noble's counsel had moved for a trial to prove her imanity after she had been found guilty of the murder of her husband. This motion was denied by the trial court, and the decision affirmed by the State Supreme Court Mrs. Noble then appealed to the Supreme Court on the ground that the to the Supreme Court on the ground that the Nivth Amendment guaranteeing all citizens due process of law had been violated. The contention was overruled by Justice White's opinion. He said that the questions involved were wholly within the jurisdiction of the State courts. "If the position of the plaining in error were sound," said the furtice, "no criminal could ever be punished, as its immunity would depend upon his fecundity in alsing pleas of insanity."

SALVATION ARMY COLONIES.

THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN TO BE EXPLAINED AT THE CARNEGIE HALL MEETING TO-NIGHT.

The colonization plan of the Salvation Army will

the coloniation be fully explained to-night at the big public meeting of the Army, which will be held at the Carnegle Music Hall. Commander Booth-Tucker will be the principal speaker, and he will talk about the scheme. The meeting will bring to an end the congress of the Army, which has been in session for the last three days. All seats except box seats and a few in the parquet will be free. There will be a small charge for those that have been re-served. Tickets have been issued for the meeting and may be had on application to the headquarters. It has already been announced that the Army proposes to open several thousand acres of fertile and in the Arkansas Valley, in Colorado, to the ander Rooth-Tucker expects to found other colo ales, on which, he hopes, one hundred thousand ersons will be settled in two years. By the founding of the farms, he believes, the cities will be re-lieved of a large portion of their great burdens of

lieved of a large portion of their great burdens of taxation and charity, and thousands of persons now idle will find work on the lands.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker will also take part in the meeting. She will dedicate nurses to the maternity work among the poor. There will also be an organ recital, music by a band of fifty pleces, singing by ten jubilee singers from Camp Nelson, in Kentucky, and a stereopticon exhibition.

Sensions of the councils of the Congress were held in Brookiny yesterday, and in the evening a public meeting took place at the First Baptist Church, at Schermerhorn-st, and Third-ave, of which the Rev. Dr. Cortland Myers is pasior. At noon a business men's meeting was held at Memorial Hall, in West Fourteenth-st. Colonel Higgins and Colonel Brewer addressed the meeting.

Commander Booth-Tucker has reported to the Congress that since the beginning of the year 50,000 persons have been converted in the Army meetings in this country; a home and food have been given to one million poor men and women; three new rescue homes for women have been established, and two farm colonies for workingmen have been thrown open.

AN ASSISTANT POSTMASTER SHOT.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Postmaster Baker, at Lake York. assistant postmaster, was shot there on Saturday nightby a hidden party within a few yards of the postoffice. The postmaster evidently expected that the Federal authorities here would take cognizance of the case. The United States, however, has no jurisdiction. 'ostmaster-General, to-day, that J. T. Braveboy,

THE CANAL SEASON A POOR ONE. Buffalo, Nov. 29.—The canal season of 1897 has virtually closed, and the best that can be said of it s that it has not been the worst season on record. is that it has not been the worst season on record. That bad pre-eminence still belongs to 1895. The wheat shipments during the season reached 25,964,172 hushels. This is a decrease of 1,060,000 bushels compared with last year, but an increase of 5,060,000 bushels over 1895. The average rate of freight on wheat was 2.8 per cent compared with 3.7 per cent last year and 2.2 per cent in 1805. The rate on grain this year is the lowest with one exception on record.

TO ADJUST INSURANCE RATES.

The committee of fire underwriters which is arranging a new plan of adjustments of rate questions, etc., between the insurance companies of the tions, etc., between the insurance companies of the city decided yesterday to report to the Tariff Association to-day in favor of some reductions and the regulation of uptown branch offices upon a salary basis. The effort to be made is to prevent abuses that exist in connection with unrated risks. It is believed that the reductions to be recommended will amount to 15 per cent of the present rates, and that the companies will reject the proposition. To bring about the change, the companies represented would have to favor it almost unanimously.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS. THE PHILADELPHIA GAS LEASE.

The enormous rental paid for the city gas works in Philadelphia surprises a great many people. How could the company expect to make a profit on such terms? Is not electricity displacing gas more and more for illuminating purposes, and on a diminished consumption, with the price necessarily kept at a low figure, how was the interest on the investment to be earned? Wall, the secret lies in the expectation that the well, the secret lies in the expectation that the use of gas as a fuel is to be tremendously extended. If it were only a question of gas for lighting, the vast sum would never have been paid for the city gas works. But the promoters count upon a greatly increased consumption of gas, in consequence of the steadily enlarging demand for it for fuel. We need not think that of gas, in consequence of the steadily enlarging demand for it for fuel. We need not think that we in New-York are the only ones who have found out the immense advantage and economy of heating and cooking by gas. It is a domestic and economic revolution that is now getting to be practically world wide, and only the belated and benighted are unaware of it. Money talks, and the great rental paid in Philadelphia shows how certain it is that the manufacture of gas for fuel is to be a large and growing industry of itself. It spreads in Philadelphia, as it spreads in New-York, only because it offers the certainty of a marked saving and the greatest convenience to consumers. 

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CIRCULARS ON APPLICATION.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

THE PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEMENT. Philadelphia, Nov. 23.-The statement of earnings and expenses of the Pennsylvania Railroad Com pany for the month of October and ten months of 1897, compared with the same periods of 1896, are as follows: PENNSYLVANIA BAILROAD LINES DIRECTLY

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Net earnings, increase 118,300 Increase 1,213,700
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Gross earnings, increase...\$560,160 Increase...\$217,300 Expenses, increase....225,300 Decrease...\$78,400 Net earnings, increase....\$34,500 Increase...1,005,700 PLANNING ANOTHER TRUNK LINE.

THE FINDLAY, FORF WAYNE AND WESTERN ROAD TO BE EXTENDED EAST AND WEST.

Findlay, Ohlo, Nov. 29.-A meeting was held this afternoon in the directors' room of the Findlay. Fort Wayne and Western Railroad for the purpose of ratifying the plans already determined on for extending that road both east and west and forming an important trunk line. A special train, with two private cars of the Illinois Central Railroad, arrived at 11:15 a. m., bearing John Jacob Astor, president of the road, Henry B. Ely. of New-York, ireasurer; W. T. Rainey, of Cleveland, a director; J. T. Hanrahan, vice-president of the Illinois Central; G. Chapman, a director; T. J. Hudson, traffic manager, and David Sloan, chief engineer of the same road. The party made its annual inspection of the track and other property of the company, which was found in first-class shape.

At the directors' meeting definite plans were made for the extension of the road eastward and westward. When this is accomplished the Findlay, Fort Wayne and Western will become a great trunk railroad, over whose tracks will pass a large portion of the products of the West on their way to the seaboard. It is believed that the road will become the eastern outlet for the Illinois Central Railroad. A survey has been made of a line from Fort Wayne to Kankakee, Ill., where the road makes its connection with the Illinois Central. From Findlay eastward a survey has been mad

to Lester Junction, Ohio, where connections will be made for Cleveland over the Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling, and also for Eastern trunk lines. From one terminus to the other the line will be almost straight and the grade will be confined to fifteen feet to the mile. It developed here to-night that work has also been commenced on the sur vey for a line from Lester Junction to Newcastle,

Mr. Astor, president and chief stockholder of the line, is a heavy stockholder and director of the Illinois Central Railroad. This road will prove of great value to the Illinois Central, which at present has to deliver all its business to other lines at Chicago.

Mr. Astor and his party started this evening in their private cars for Fort Wayne, and from there will proceed to Kankakee, Ill., getting as close to the surveyed line as possible.

FOR UNIFORMITY IN CAR COUPLERS.

Washington, Nov. 29 (Special).-There will be a gathering of some of the principal railroad officials the office of the Interstate Commerce Commisston in this city on Wednesday, to consider the question of the adoption of a universal system of car coupling. At present there are a great many car coupling. At present there are a great many couplers in use on the different railroads of the country, many of which are in themselves all that could be required, but the use of so many different devices is confusing at best, and in some instances dangerous to the lives of railroad men who are unfamiliar with them. A bill was introduced at the last session of Congress directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty, and in accordance therewith the coming meeting is to be held.

LEHIGH'S EARNINGS FOR OCTOBER. Philadelphia, Nev. 29—The statement of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for October shows net earnings of \$53,5048, an increase of \$23,5072 compared with the same period of 1896. The statement of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company shows net earnings for October of \$171,62058, an increase of \$101,10174 compared with the same period of 1895.

FROM CHICAGO TO ST PAUL, ST. Milwaukee., Nov. 29.—The Chicago, Milwaukee nd St. Paul Railroad announced to-day a 57

rate between Chicago and St. Paul, to go into affect December 1. The Wisconsin Central and the Chicago and Northwestern roads promptly met the cut, which amounts to 34 50. FREIGHTS SENT EAST FROM CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 29—Eastbound freight shipments for the week ended November 25 amounted to 44,651 tons, against 41,961 the previous week and 61,866 tons, against 41,961 the previous week and 61,866 last year, divided among the different roads as follows: Michigan Central, 6,881; Panhandie, 6,365; Wabash 4,946; Lake Shore, 5,273; Fort Wayne, 6,149; Maltimore and Ohio, 2,766; Grand Trunk, 3,852; Baltimore and Ohio, 2,766; Grand Trunk, 3,852; Nickel Plate, 3,660; Erle, 3,312; Big Four, 3,665. The lake lines carried 105,682 tons.

MAASDAM'S PASSENGERS REACH PORT.

THE WRECKED SCHOONER BLITE SIGHTED AND SET ON FIRE BY THE VEENDAM.

The steamer Veendam, of the Holland-American Line, arrived here yesterday from Rotterdam and Plymouth, carrying the passengers of the Muasdam, of the same line, which, owing to an accident to her machinery, had to put back to Plymouth after having sailed for this port on November from Rotterdam. The accident, which was reported at the time, was an explosion of the forward high-and-low pressure cylinders. No one was hurt, nor was any serious damage done to the steamer. The passengers, however, were obliged to wait until the following week, when the Veendam touched at Plymouth on her way to New

York.

In the course of the Veendam's voyage, on November 25, she sighted the English schooner Elite, abandoned and waterlogged. This same schooner had been spoken on November 18 by the British steamer Rossmore. The latter, when she arrived at Baltimore on November 24, reported that the Elite when sighted, was flying signals of distress, Indicating that she was out of provisions and that the crew was starving. The Rossmore got as much food as possible aboard the Elite, but, as a stiff gale was blowing, not much could be sent. The Veendam, when she sighted the schooner, ran close to her, and Captain Dult saw that all her spars and risging had gone by the board. Her hatches were battened down, and the British ensign floated from her taffrail. A boat was sent from the Veendam to the wreck, and as no life was found on board it was fired. The wreck could be seen burning for many hours from the decks of the Veendam. As the Elite was directly in the path of vessels it is supposed that the crew were taken off by some ship and will yet be heard from.

The Elite sailed from Cadiz on October 10 for St. John's, N. F. with Captain Hargrave in command. She was built in 1833, and was of only 118 tons burden. Her owner was G. J. King, of Goole. In the course of the Veendam's voyage, on No-

THE PENNSYLVANIA-CORNELL DEBATE. Philadelphia, Nov. 29 .- At a meeting of the Pennsylvania-Cornell Debate Committee to-night a new plan for conducting the preliminary debates was adopted. A friend of the University has given \$100, adopted. A friend of the University has given \$100, which is to be divided into a first prize of \$75 and a second prize of \$25, to be awarded to the disputants receiving the highest grades in a public detaile to be held in January. March 4 has been decided upon as the date for the debate. Cornell has until December 4 in which to select and announce the question to be debated.

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THE ATLANTA CLEARING HOUSE PASSES RESO

LUTIONS DEMANDING BETTER FACILITIES. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 29.-At a meeting of the Atanta Clearing House Association to-day a resolu-

ion was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the bankers throughout the South to assemble in Atlanta on December 15, to consider the question of currency reform. Every bank in Atlanta was represented, and the meeting unanimously adopted resolutions, which are in substance as fol-That the time has arrived for the South to de-

That the time has arrived for the South to demand of Congress better banking facilities under a just and equitable Federal law. That the United States Government should retire from the banking business, and the whole system of National finances be readjusted on such a sound and scientific basis as will give each section of our common country a circulating medium adequate to its business and based upon its commercial assets. That note-holders and general creditors should be protected under Federal laws and that the measure of value should be so definitely and permanently settled as to make all our currency, paper and specie, good in any part of the world. That there should be no discrimination between State and National banks, the former to have the same privileges of note issue as the latter, but under Federal supervision.

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